ROMANIA

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

MINISTER

Bucharest, March 2009

Excellency,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter, as the core document for the foundation of a new integrated ASEAN Community, as well as for the process of regional integration in South East Asia.

Romania is determined to enhance its active participation in the bi-regional dialogue between the EU and ASEAN, as well as to further develop the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation with the ASEAN Member States.

Our decision to appoint an Ambassador to the ASEAN Secretariat underscores the importance that Romania attaches to Southeast Asia.

I have, therefore, the honour to inform you that I have decided to appoint Mr. Gheorghe Vîlcu, Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia to fulfil the duties and high honour of Ambassador accredited to Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

It is with great confidence that I recommend Mr. Gheorghe Vîlcu to Your Excellency and I count that you would grant him the assistance and support he needs to carry out his duties, so as to build closer ties between Romania and ASEAN.

Wishing you every success in your activity as Secretary General of ASEAN, please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Cristian Diaconescu

H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan Secretary General of ASEAN Republic of Indonesia THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT

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